**Lacey Green Virus Action Group**

By Eileen Rowlands

We had a quiet summer and early autumn with the Response Team managing few requests for assistance from our neighbours. It was a relief to be able to make contact with our neighbours, especially those who had been shielding for such a long time. The sunshine and easing of restrictions gave us all hope that we had come through the worst.

One of the positives of the pandemic has been the friendships that have been made or strengthened by the contacts we have made in the village.; some with those who were strangers before the lockdown. It would be so easy, as we all isolate, to become detached from the wider community.

A resident of the village told me, “It has been a great comfort to know that help is there, even if I haven’t needed it. When you live alone you do worry about how you can manage if it isn’t safe to go out”.

Members of the Response Team took it upon themselves to make and deliver Christmas goodies to some of our neighbours who were unable to enjoy contact with family and friends. A big thank you to Alpa Boll, most ably assisted by Kiran and Rohan, who delivered mince pie treats with a friendly word and a smile, and thanks also to Kay Bolton for providing a ‘tipple’ to wash it down, non-alcoholic of course.

We are now, once again, here to help those in our community who will find it difficult to do shopping, pick up prescriptions, get out for vaccines or would just like a friendly chat over the phone with someone.

If you do not know who your Street Rep is please give me a call and I can put you in touch. Let’s all keep our village as safe as we can.